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Senator Ben Nelson
Attn: Kate Howard
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Omaha, NE 68114

Re: Renewable Energy Expansion for Northeast Community College

Dear Senator Nelson:

On behalf of the Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD), I am requesting your support for the expansion of Renewable Energy Programs at Northeast Community College. The program would train wind energy technicians for the wind farms that are becoming increasingly prevalent throughout the Midwest and provide continuing education courses for individuals already employed in the energy industry.

The program would expand existing community college programs, such as Northeast's electrical motor and control program, which has been in effect for approximately 30 years. Curriculum applicable to both programs includes turbine repair and maintenance, electrical systems, electronics, programmable logic controllers and troubleshooting.

Not only will the Renewable Energy programs support Nebraska's workforce development efforts to increase job opportunities, but NPPD also believes it will help keep Nebraska competitive in the field of energy technology and facilitate the employment of trained and professional workers who can help Nebraska's utilities sustain and expand the use of renewable energy.

I respectfully ask that you consider funding for Renewable Energy programs at Northeast Community College one of your priorities. It would be a great benefit to northeastern Nebraska communities, business, and industry.

Best Regards,

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